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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL LEASES

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 4204; (B) VIENTIANE 4320

1. DEPT. NOTES THAT VIENTIANE LEASES WERE AMENDED IN FEBRUARY 1975 TO PROVIDE PAYMENT IN U.S. DOLLARS ON THE BASIS OF A GOVERNMENT DECREE AUTHORIZING RENTALS TO BE PAID IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES. IRRESPECTIVE OF THE EXCHANGE RATE USED IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DOLLAR PAYMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WERE SATISFACTORY BECAUSE THEY WERE ACCEPTED BY THE LANDLORDS.

2. THE NEW GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT ASSUMES HAS THE STATURE OF A DECREE, NOW CALL FOR SUCH PAYMENTS AGAIN TO BE MADE IN LOCAL CURRENCY. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY AUTHORITY TO THE CONTRARY, THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE MUST BE USED. ON THE PREMISE THAT THE NEW REQUIREMENT HAS THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF A DECREE, THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO AMEND THE LEASE CONTRACTS PURSUANT THERETO FOR PAYMENT IN KIP AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE OF 750 TO THE DOLLAR. KISSINGER

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